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1. The No. 5 Construction Company is concerned with the construction of building frameworks only. Other organizations, attached to the Ministry of Construction, have to finish the installations. The total number of workers employed by this company is 12,000. 25X1
2. The head office of No. 5 Construction Company is located at Strada I. Dima No. 5, Stalin (Brasov). Its operations are confined like similar construction companies to a special region within Rumania. Towns within this zone are Stalin (Brasov), Sfantu Gheorghe, Fagaras and Sibiu.
3. The general manager, assistant manager and chief accountant are members of the Communist Party and form the so-called "triangle of management."
4. Besides the management there are five departments:
 - a. Personnel (for permanent personnel only. The larger part of employees are temporary building workers).
 - b. Supplies (building materials).
 - c. Transport.
 - d. Welfare (medical and other assistance to workers).
 - e. Cultural.
5. Concrete mixers and pneumatic drills are of Russian and Czech origin. The total number of trucks is 180. In addition, trucks are hired daily from other companies. The price for a truck per day, including driver and eventual repairs, amounts to 2,000 lei. The trucks owned by the company are Skoda (Czech), Praga (Czech), and Zis (Russian) makes. The origin of the company's tractors is Sovromtractor, (formerly IAR) Stalin (Brasov). These tractors are of a very inferior quality and have to be repaired about twice a week.
6. All cement used by the company is supplied by the large Rumanian cement factory Temelia, just outside Stalin. There is, apparently, never any shortage. Production output of Temelia at the end of 1948 was reportedly

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500 tons of cement a day. Local factories near Stalin supply sufficient quantities of bricks. All timber is supplied by Comleam.

7. Construction jobs carried out by No. 5 Construction Company were:
 - a. Hotel building at Poiana near Stalin.
 - b. Factory building at Sibiu.
 - c. Additions to a cellulose factory at Zarnesti near Stalin.
 - d. Eleven blocks of buildings as living quarters and recreation rooms for the apprentices of a large factory called Steagul Rosu.
8. Although workers curse the regime in private, they praise it in public whenever there is any sort of demonstration. Most workers are anti-Semitic.
9. The Steagul Rosu factory produces large freight cars for the exclusive export to the Soviet Union. The cars have a special device permitting the wheel base to be adjusted to a broader railway line. The factory works day and night shifts and completed freight cars leave the plant constantly.
10. New buildings to be constructed will be used for the production of ball bearings. The ball bearings produced at Stalin are of poor quality.

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